

# LOCUSTS & HONEY

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday: 6,7,8,9,15 a.m. & 5.30, 6.30 p.m.  
10.30 a.m. at Kopri Chapel.**

Weekday: 6 & 6.45 a.m., 7.00 pm.

In Holy Cross Convent: 6.30 am.

**Mass in Marathi:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7. a.m

**Mass in Konkani:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7. a.m.

**Tamil Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11.00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday: 6 to 7 p.m.

**Baptisms:** Sunday: 10.15 am

**Marriages:** Weekday at 5.15 p.m.

Sunday: 5.30 p.m. & 6.30 pm

**Funerals:** Any day: 10 to 11.45 a.m  
4 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**Sacrament of the sick:** on request.

**House Blessing:** With prior arrangement.

**Novenas:** St. Anthony’s: Tuesday 7.30pm

**Perpetual Succour Novena:**

After 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday.

**Charismatic Prayer Service [Eng.]**

On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** On Fridays at  
6.00 p.m. except on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

**Night Adoration:**

at 12.00 **midnight** on last Saturday

**Office Timings:** 9.00 a.m. to 12.30

5.00 p.m. to 07.00

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

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## Never Giving Up

Years ago a mother in Nashville, Tennessee, gave birth prematurely to a tiny baby girl. Shortly afterwards, the baby caught pneumonia. Next the baby caught scarlet fever. Finally she contracted polio. The last illness left her one leg totally crippled and her foot twisted inwards. When the little girl reached the age of five she hobbled about on metal braces while the other kids ran and skipped rope. When she reached eleven the handicapped girl asked her little sister to stand watch at the door while she practiced walking without braces. She didn’t want her parents to watch her walking around without the braces on. For a whole year she continued her secret walks. Then one day she began to feel guilty about them. So she told her doctor what she had been doing. He was flabbergasted. He agreed to let her continue, but only for short periods of time. Well, the girl’s idea of a short period of time was far different from the doctor’s idea. And to her periods of walking without braces the handicapped girl added periods of prayer. To make the long story short, the girl finally threw away her braces for good. The girl not only began to walk without braces but even to run and she ran and ran. In the 1960 Olympics at Rome, she became the first woman in history to win three medals in track and field. That girl was none other than Wilma Rudolf, winning the Sullivan Award, naming her the nation’s top amateur athlete. Her life dramatizes that no handicap, no matter how great, is a match for perseverance and prayer.

“A French Monk Dom Chautard, who wrote in the first half of this century, had a favourite theme in his books on the spiritual life. He insisted that sheer human effort, with a Spartan-like discipline that made good use of every second, was often inefficient! To make such an effort without union God was largely futile. Chautard believed that the person who prayed much would do in a few hours what a person who prayed little would hardly do in many days. In a symbolic sense the apostles discovered the truth of Chautard’s insight in the gospel of this Sunday. They had been labouring the whole night, with the best of fishing skills but caught nothing. They had laboured by themselves, without Jesus. When Jesus came along later in the morning and asked them to make another cast, reluctantly they put out their nets in obedience to Jesus and were surprised beyond their wildest dreams. Isn’t it amazing what we can do when we are in union with Christ?” -Eugene Lauer

**You never really learn much from hearing yourself talk.**

***This week's announcements******February 4, 2007.***

- *Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day in our parish. There will be a special Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communicants at 10.30 a.m.*
- *Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hope Church, Ghormal.*
- *Tuesday, February 6, the 7.00 p.m. Mass will be in Marathi on the occasion of St. Gonsalo Gracia's feast.*
- *Sunday, February 11 will be celebrated as World Day of the sick.*
- *The Holy Childhood Sunday is celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> February.*
- *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.23,112.00*
- *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs.1,674.00.*
- *Collections from other boxes amounted to Rs. 1,240.00*
- *The SVP Christmas bazaar collection amounted to Rs. 91,009.00. Thanks to donors.*
- *Collection at Malayalam Mass on the occasion of St. Sebastian's Feast amounted to Rs. 2,007/-*

***This Week's Liturgical Readings.***

5/Mo	St Agatha Mem Gen 1:1-19; Ps 103:1-2,5-6,10, 12,24,35; Mk 6:53-56
6/Tue	Ss Paul Miki and Com Mr Gen 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5,6-7,8-9; Mk 7:1-13
7/Wed	Gen 2:4-9,15-17; Ps 103:1-2,27-30; Mk 7:14-23
8/Thu	St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita Gen 2:18-25; Ps 127:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
9/Fri	Gen 3:1-8; Ps 31:1-2,5-7; Mk 7:31-37
10/Sat	St Scholastica Mem Gen 3:9-24; Ps 89:2-6,12-13; Mk 8:1-10
11/Sun	Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26.

***The St. Louis Church Fathers and parishioners thank Thane parishioners for their generous donations which have amounted to Rs.2,43,156/- to this date..***

***Smile, Giggle, Laugh!***

It was an exclusive party. Among the many VIP's present, was an Ambassador whose eyesight was not too good.

When dancing commenced, he saw someone with whom he wished to dance. Approaching the person he said: "Hello you beautiful lady in red, may I have the pleasure of this waltz?" "Certainly not," was the answer. "In the first place this is not a waltz, it is a tango. In the second place I am not a beautiful lady in red, I am the papal Nuncio."

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A Sunday school teacher asked one of the six-year old students:

"Tomy, where does God st3.y?" Pat came the reply: "In the bathroom, Sir."

"What," shouted the shocked teacher, "who told you that?" "My father, Sir," came the innocent reply. , Every morning he comes down with a towel round his neck, stands in front of the bathroom and shouts, "Mv God! You are still inside."

***A V Enterprises******Job Recruitment group Services***

***Contact: 9860082950/ 9960961116. Telephone: (95250)2505885 /6991354***

*Recruitment is Going on, (Short list) Employees Urgently Required Large Number Of Employees for Multinational Companies, Rush Interview Open For International And Domestic Call centers, All types of Administration Staff, Tele Callers, Data Entry Marketing Mangers, Marketing Executive, And Many Other Jobs*

***ST. JOHN'S HEALTHCARE CENTRE***

***St. John's Health Care Centre open for free service as follows:***

***Monday to Saturday from 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Wednesdays & Sundays: 05.00 p.m. – 07.00 p.m.***

***N.B. Those who have excess medicine –left over and NOT passed the expiry date, are requested to give that medicine to the Health Care Centre.***

***Doctors, nurses, paramedics, counselors are welcome to render their free service on a regular basis. Please, contact Fr. John Rumao.***

**"RINGS & RAINBOWS - 2007 "**

The Sunday before Valentine's Day is celebrated as World Marriage Day. On i 11th February, 2007 Parish Family Cell is organizing "Rings & Rainbows 2007" for the entire Thane Deanery at S1. John's Pavilion commencing with the Eucharist at 5.30 p.m. followed by an interactive session on "Communication between Couples", continuing with unwinding & intermingling, sharing married life experiences, fun, games and ending with dinner. Invitation Cards priced at Rs. 1 001- are available at the Church office, Parish Family Cell Members & Desmond & Marina (9869243203)

**Global Warming: A cause for concern**

The earth's atmosphere is turning warmer day after day. Being responsible citizens of this world we need to take this matter seriously.

The cause for global warming is mainly due to our dependence on fossil fuels as an energy source, and the destruction and burning of the forests by man ,both of which causes the release of carbon the so-called green house gases. If this trend is allowed to continue in the years to come we may have to face serious consequences. The present sea level will rise several meters high due to the dramatic shrinkage of ice cores in the Antarctica and the Artic regions. Droughts and floods will become more frequent, followed by incidence of water-borne diseases and spread of infectious disease by mosquitoes ,Moreover ,millions of our brethren living in the coastal areas will loose their homes as land will be covered by water.

We need to save our planet, and preserve its beauty for many generations to come. For this purpose we have to

- Improve our energy efficiency by switching over fossil fuels to renewable energy sources like wind, solar and geothermal energy.
- Use public transport as an alternative to individual vehicle that will save energy, curb air pollution and prevent traffic jams.
- Prevent felling of trees as they provide oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
- Follow the principle of sustainable development by preserving fertile agricultural lands, rivers and several acres of green pastures

--Malcolm Nobre

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY  
FEBRUARY 4, 2007.  
THE LOCUSTS & HONEY  
CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING  
THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS  
THIS YEAR**

Girls:- Kristina C Fernandes Yulette Aguiar Tracy Thomas D'souza Susanna Francis Fernandes Sharel Francis Coutinho Simran Lourdes Reynolds Natasha Malcolm Rebello Michelle Sequeira Ginelle D'souza Faviola D'silva Bensy Charly Chitteth Shaniece Silvester Ginelle T Almeida Dey Nixon Fiona Dey Edna E Dias Oshin M D'silva A Kacela Dantas P Meryl D'souza B Corina Fernandes R Noella Gonsalves W Shannon Koli S Niyathi Menezes J Rhea Mohandas Kavinaya Silvester Sasha Tavaris H Carmeline Macrina Stella Fernandes Olivia Crasto Andrea Victor D'mello Ophelia Nunes Swizel D'souza Nancy L Paul Philomena C Palackal Ayesha Mary D'souza	Annabel Ferreira Kimberley Natasha D'souza Joyce J Kothari Crystal D'mello Sharon Sagairag Sebastian Jenifer Robert Rodrigues Boys:- Elton Coutinho Orvin John D'souza Joel Shelly Pannapara Hensal R D'souza Barret Siluinus D'sa Shannon Sunil Samuel Stanvil Sylverius Mascarenhas D'cunha A Melroy D'sa Julian Freese K Kurt Nadar C Nelson Noronha A Ashley Pinto R Herschelle Rebello F keegan Seth A Janil Fernandes Lenon Advin S D'souza Jokim S D'souza Kevin Tavares Miles Elton Lewis Kevin V Angre Elroy Emmanuel Pereira Marc Gonsalves K Joy George Melroy Fernandes Cyrus Franklyn Gomes Alliot Koli
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*The Locusts & Honey gratefully acknowledges the hard work of the following Catechitical teachers who prepared the above children for The First Holy Communion under the supervision and guidance of Rev. Fr. Victor Dalmet: Sr.Ancy, Sr.Julie, Mrs Cynthia D'souza, Mrs Belinda Lopes, Mrs Reena Rosario, Mrs Elizabeth.*


**The Feast of OUR LADY OF HOPE,  
Ghormal will be celebrated on  
Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2007.**

**PRO - CANA (11 MARRIAGE BUREAU)**

INVITES Spinsters Below 30 years  
& Bachelors Below 35 years  
TO A HEART TO HEART MEET  
ON Sunday, 18th February 2007 .  
From:- 9..30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
AT GOOD' SHEPHERD CONVENT HALL  
Four Bungalows Rd, Andheri (W), Mumbai -  
400053 . Ph. No: 26372422/2637 1863

**SPORTS ACHEIVEMENT.**

Miss Yulette Aguiar of Std IV studying in Holy Cross Convent High School has achieved the following awards in the Girls U/10 category for the year 2006-2007

1. **In the Thane City Inter -School Invitation Athletic Championship.** -Was placed First in the 300mtrs run with an effort of 56.1 secs. -Was placed Second in the 100mtrs run with an effort of 16 secs
2. **In the First Thane District Inter School Athletic Championship.** -Was placed Second in the 100mtrs run with an effort of 16.3 secs.
3. **TEAM EVENTS,** Thane District Amateur Athletic Association -Was placed first in the 4x 50mtrs Relay with an effort of 34.5 secs.
4. Thane City Inter-School Invitation Athletic Championship 2006-2007. -Was placed First in the 4x 50mtrs Relay with an effort of 34.6secs.
5. =Participated in the Holy Cross Convent High School Inter House 4x50mtrs Relay for the year 2006-2007 and secured the First place

**THE DIVINE POTTER**

To be as clay in the Potter's hand  
Is not an easy task  
So think well before you pray  
As for this gift you ask  
He Potter's wheel is painful  
You'll be hurt at every spin  
Giving up your desires  
And all you have within  
You'll have to surrender fully  
To go through all the pain  
To be as clay in the Potter's hand  
'Twill be a bit of strain  
Your cherished dreams and hopes  
You must leave them all behind  
And surrender to the Potter's Plan  
Its then that you will find  
Amidst the pains and tortured  
That you are going through  
You'll feel the presence of the Lord  
And the Joy He'll give to you  
You'll go through storms and hurricane  
You'll go through winters snow  
But if you Cheerfully surrender  
Its then that you will know  
The Touch of our Divine Potter  
Who with His have at last  
Will mould your Human Frame  
Into his Divine wrk of arts



Dorothy Serpes

**LEGION STALL**

*Rev. Sisters Amala and Joan will run the  
Legion Stall on Saturdays & Sundays.  
Those subscribing for the Examiner copies  
are requested to contact the sisters for your  
regular copies and payment of subscription*

### **CATERERS**

*There have been several marriages taking place in the church quadrangle, the school hall and the pavilion. It has been observed that the premises were not maintained clean following the programs, toilet taps etc. were found damaged. In order to arrest these frequent damages it has been now decided to allow only the local caterers to take catering for any wedding reception taking place in the church/school premises. We therefore invite all those local caterers, who are parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church and who are running their own catering business are welcome to join the panel of caterers to be formed and approved by the Parish Pries shortly. **Please, note no parishioner acting as an agent for outside caterer will be allowed to join the panel.** Interested local caterers may contact the Parish Office by 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.*

### **Holy Childhood Day**

Sodality will be making a gate collection towards the Holy Childhood cause on Saturday & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February at all Masses.

### **World Health Day**

*On Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2007, the evening 7 p.m. Mass will be celebrated as Mass for the sick and thethe Sacrament of Healing will be administered to the sick during the Mass on the occasion of the World Health Day.*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY 5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday –4 February, 2007.